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NO: 1150, June 29, 8 p.m.

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Guatemalan Government Junta this afternoon sent telegram to Luis Quintanilla, Chairman IAPC, as follows: "Since Governments of US and El Salvador have commenced mediation to end armed conflict between forces of this government and troops commanded by Colonel Carlos Castillo Armas, it is requested you reconsider intention your committee to intervene in said conflict. We beg you not to do so".

Message signed by Colonel Elfego H. Monzon, President of Junta, Lt. Colonel Jose Luis Cruz Salazar and Lt. Colonel Mauricio DuBois, members of Junta.

At earlier meeting this morning, Colonel Monzon expressed support for inter-American system generally and his desire cooperate with peace commissions, but he explained his government had only been in existence a few hours and consequently could not give committee facilities it should have. He therefore, hoped visit could be deferred.

In telegram to Hector Castro, Chairman COAS, Junta requested OAS mediation in conflict with Castillo Armas. Seeming contradiction between this and message to Quintanilla is explained by desire Junta emphasize it wished Guatemala's conflict handled within inter-American system and not by UN.

Assistant Secretary Holland requested Junta's message be confirmed to Dr. Quintanilla.

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TO: Secretary of State

NO: 1139, June 29

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Confirming my telephone conversation this morning with Department I wish to report that about 4:45 a.m. today a new junta was formed composed of Colonel Monzon, Lt. Colonel Mauricio DuBois and Lt. Colonel Jose Luis Cruz.

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Note: Phoned to Mr. Leddy's office (ARA) 2 p.m. 6/29/54, NPL

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